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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO KISSINGER'S NOMINATION

1. KUWAIT PRESS HAS GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE TO DR KISSINGER'S NOMINATION AS SECRETARY OF STATE, INCLUDING NEWS STORIES, BACK-FOUNDERS, PHOTOS, EDITORIALS AND CARTOONS. MUCH OF COVERAGE IS FACTUAL AND NEUTRAL IN TONE.

2. MOST VOCIFEROUS COMMENT COMES FROM INFLUENTIAL RAI AL AAM AND SISTER NEWSPAPER DAILY NEWS, WHO DO NOT NORSEE ANY CHANGE U.S. MID EAST POLICY BECAUSE OF MR. KISSINGER'S APPOINTMENT, AND

IN FACT BELIEVE HE WILL FAVOR ISRAEL BECAUSE HE IS JEWISH.
SAMPLE QUOTES:

"DESPITE DR KISSINGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE IS A NON-RACIST, HIS APPOINTMENT TO THIS IMPORTANT POST IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PROBABLY THE START OF A LONG-TERM DESIGN TO MAKE ZIONISM RULE U.S. POLICY."

"KISSINGER'S APPOINTMENT, WHATEVER THE EXPLANATIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS, IS AN OPEN CHALLENGE TO THE ARABS."

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3. KUWAIT TIMES EXPRESSED WAIT AND SEE PHILOSOPHY IN AUG 27
EDVITORIAL:

"ALTHOUGH SOME ARAB SOURCES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR UNHAPPINESS
WITH KISSINGER'S APPOINTMNT AS U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE AND WER
INCLINED TO BELIEVE THATV HE WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF SUPPORTING
THE STATUS QUO, WE HOPE THAT THE U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY WILL
BE MORE POSITIVE TOWARD ARAB RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
UNDER KISSINGER.

"ALL WHAT ONE CAN DO NOW IS TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT WILL COME OUT
OF THIS AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHO HAS PLEDGED TO DO HIS BEST TO
CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY IN AN GZOPN MANNER" AND PLACE THE
"U.S. INTERESTS ABOVE ALL CONSIDERATIONS."

"THEREFORE, WE HOPE THAT KISSINGER WILL SINCERELY CARRY OUT HIS
PLEDGE AND STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF ALL ZIONIST PRESSURES TO
REALLY PROVE THAT HIS PRUDENCE WHICH GAVE HIM WORLD-WIDE CREDIT
FOR ENDING THE VIETNAMESE WAR WILL ALSO GIVE HIM FAME FOR SERVING
HIS COUNTRY'S INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AT A TIME WHEN ARAB
OIL HAS BECOME AN INDISPENSIBLE COMMODITY IN THE DAILY LIFE OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE."
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